

To: Federal Communications Commission
Re: Comments to Docket No. 04-232

These comments are in response to the Federal Communications Commission's proposed rulemaking, Docket No. 04-232, requiring radio broadcasters to retain recordings of their programming for 60 to 90 days.

I have been in the ownership and management of radio stations since 1957 and in all of these 47 years of reviewing FCC proposed new rules this has to be the most cockamamie idea yet.

Because maybe 50 stations broadcast obscene and indecent programming, the Commission is proposing to require over 13,000 other stations wear the equivalent of electronic ankle bracelets.

Several years ago at a NAB convention I overheard a broadcaster say to another: "All I know is the FCC makes a rule and somebody sells something". This was the proposal that threw out CONELRAD and gave us EBS.

Later the FCC threw out EBS and gave us EAS and someone sold something else.

Already someone has offered to sell us a computer that will record 90 days of programming and on the 91st day erase the 1st day and add the 91st.

The FCC with its ability to levy \$250,000.00 fines has the best deterrent to discourage the tasteless trash that passes as programming by some radio stations.

All this without a new rule and somebody selling something.

Respectfully submitted.

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